



CITY OF BETHEL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024, 5:30 PM

LOCATION: 300 CHIEF EDDIE HOFFMAN HIGHWAY, BETHEL, ALASKA
JOIN ZOOM MEETING: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82789796061?pwd=eFpYa3hBcU1vZkpQME1Fd1p2UXc0dz09>
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MEMBERS	STAFF
Ryan Butte, Juan Delgado, Mark Springer- Council Rep. John Llyod	Ex-Officio Members: Bill Arnold, Public Works Director pwadmin@cityofbethel.net 907-543-3110

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – FIVE MINUTES PER PERSON**
 - A. Please submit written public comments to pwadmin@cityofbethel.net by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Evaluation Of Committees 2024 Goals, Tasks And Priorities
 - B. Review of Committee Duties and Responsibilities and Determination of Committee Topics of Interest for 2024
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Commission Consideration Of Draft Ordinance to Reduce The Frequency Of Meetings For Committees and Commissions (Administration)
 - B. Commission Consideration of Draft Ordinance Modifying Membership Requirements From Seven To Five Temporarily When Less Than Five Members Are Appointed (Administration)
- VIII. EX OFFICIO REPORT**
- IX. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- X. ADJOURNMENT**

Posted <<DATE>> at City Hall, AC Co., Swanson’s, and the Post Office.

Ex-Officio Staff

2.60.210 Public works committee duties.

- A. The public works committee may review and make recommendations to the council on:
1. The operations of the city's water and wastewater collection, distribution, treatment and compliance; and solid waste planning, collection, disposal and compliance.
 2. The development, operations, and maintenance of city properties, roads, traffic, drainage, snow removal, parks, cemeteries, grounds, and trails.
 3. The operations of the transit system.
 4. The operations and maintenance of the city's vehicle fleet and heavy equipment.
 5. The budget as it relates to public works operations and capital projects.
 6. City capital planning and implementation of projects related to public works.
 7. Energy and environmental improvements for city operations.
 8. The progress toward achieving the goals set out in the city's comprehensive plan as they relate to public works.
- B. The public works committee may perform other such duties as the city council may from time to time refer. [Ord. 21-20 § 4, 2021.]

The Bethel Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 22-37, passed November 8, 2022.

Disclaimer: The city clerk's office has the official version of the Bethel Municipal Code. Users should contact the city clerk's office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above.

[City Website: www.cityofbethel.org](http://www.cityofbethel.org)
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Article VIII. Public Works Committee

2.60.200 Establishment of public works committee.

There is established a public works committee for the purpose of advising the city council on city roads, facilities, utility operations, vehicle and equipment operations, and other public works-related matters. [Ord. 21-20 § 4, 2021.]

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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #24-XX

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.60, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR A QUORUM UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

WHEREAS, Bethel Municipal Code 2.60 creates seven committees and commissions that act as advisory bodies to the Council: the Planning Commission, the Port Commission, the Public Safety and Transportation Commission, the Community Action Grant Committee, the Finance Committee, the Community Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Public Works Committee;

WHEREAS, Bethel Municipal Code 2.60.060 Notice of Public Meetings, requires regular meetings of the committees and commissions to be scheduled once a month unless otherwise authorized by council;

WHEREAS, reducing the meeting schedule requirement to every other month will provide administration more time to work directly with the ex officio members to develop meaningful agendas and packets, this will result in public meetings with more developed action items for our committee/commission volunteers to discuss;

WHEREAS, a reduction in the meeting frequency will also relieve operational takes during a time of significant staff shortages ensuring the operational tasks of the municipality are carried out while still supporting strong government through public engagement;

WHEREAS, the City hoped that through the reduction in regular scheduled meetings, and a focus on more developed agendas and packet materials, the City will attract more volunteer participation in our public meeting process;

WHEREAS, although each committee and commission will be required to have regular meetings every other month, at any point, a special meeting may be called in accordance with BMC;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA,

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall be placed in the Bethel Municipal Code.

Section 2. Amendment. Bethel Municipal Code 2.60 is amended, old language is stricken, and new language is underlined.

2.60.060. Notice of public meetings.

A. Regular meetings shall be scheduled ~~once a month~~ every other month unless otherwise authorized by council. A regular meeting may be postponed or rescheduled to another date upon a vote of the majority of the members at a previous regular or special meeting.

B. Special meetings are called to transact business held outside the regular meeting schedule. Special meetings may be called at any date and time by the chair, or by three (3) voting members.

C. Meetings shall be held at City Hall, 300 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway, whenever reasonably possible, and shall comply with BMC 2.04.070, in providing teleconference and written participation to all public meetings. Agendas constitute the meeting notice and shall contain, at a minimum, the date, place and time of the meeting, the name of the body, the names of the members of the body, people to be heard, and any item to be discussed by the body.

D. Public notice of meetings shall be prepared and posted in at least four (4) conspicuous public places within the city, including at the location of the meeting. Notice of a regular meeting shall be posted no later than five (5) days before the meeting. Notice of a special meeting shall be posted no later than three (3) days before the meeting, except the planning commission special meeting agenda shall be posted no later than five (5) days before the meeting.

E. The meetings of all bodies shall be open to the public in accordance with the Alaska Open Meetings Act, and shall permit teleconference and written participation in accordance with BMC 2.04.080.

F. Each committee, commission, and ad hoc committee shall follow Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised; however, the rules of debate may be relaxed by the body to promote discussion.

Introduced by:
Introduction Date:
Public Hearing Date:
Action:

G. Committee, commission, and ad hoc committee reports and recommendations shall be decided by a quorum of the body at a public meeting.

H. Any committee, commission and ad hoc committee may appoint seated members of its body to a subcommittee. The number of members appointed to a subcommittee shall be three (3) or fewer, to avoid creating a quorum of the body. The subcommittee can make such investigation or exercise such authority as may be delegated to it by the advisory board. A subcommittee reports to the body from which it was appointed, and not to the council. No action of the subcommittee is official until approved by a majority vote of the advisory body.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2024, BY A VOTE OF _____ IN FAVOR AND _____ OPPOSED.

ATTEST:

Mark Springer, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #24-XX

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.60, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ADULT VOTING MEMBERS AND QUORUM STANDARDS FOR COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

WHEREAS, Bethel Municipal Code 2.60 creates seven committees and commissions that act as advisory bodies to the Council: the Planning Commission, the Port Commission, the Public Safety and Transportation Commission, the Community Action Grant Committee, the Finance Committee, the Community Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Public Works Committee;

WHEREAS, BMC 2.60.010 defines a "quorum" as the minimum number of members of a committee, commission, or ad hoc committee that must be present at any meeting to conduct business;

WHEREAS, BMC 2.60.040 provides that "all committees and commissions shall consist of seven (7) appointed adult voting members;

WHEREAS, BMC 2.60.050 provides that "four (4) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business for committees and commissions"; and

WHEREAS, numerous committees and commissions are having consistent trouble meeting quorum, which prevents these bodies from conducting business;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA,

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall be placed in the Bethel Municipal Code.

Section 2. Amendment. Bethel Municipal Code 2.60 is amended, old language is stricken, and new language is underlined.

2.60.040 Composition of committees, commissions, and ad hoc committees.

A. All committees and commissions shall consist of seven (7) council-appointed adult voting members. One (1) member shall be a member of the city council and act as the council representative to provide a direct line of communication between the advisory board and the city council. Each council member shall be appointed to only one (1) committee, commission, and/or ad hoc committee.

B. In addition to the seven (7) adult voting members, the council may appoint up to two (2) alternative members and one (1) youth member to any advisory committee or commission.

C. An ad hoc committee may have fewer but not more members than the number provided under subsections [A](#) and [B](#) of this section, and in no event less than five (5) members.

D. Each committee or commission shall annually elect a chair and a vice chair from its membership. An ad hoc committee shall elect a chair and vice chair at the first (1st) meeting of the body. The vice chair shall act in the absence of the chair or in the event the chair is unable to act.

E. The city manager is responsible for the effective management of committee, commission, and ad hoc committee operations and shall provide the staff required to assist the body in discharging its duties. The city manager shall appoint at least one (1) ex officio member to provide staff support to each committee, commission, and ad hoc committee. Ex officio members report to and take direction from the city manager and not from the body to which they are appointed.

The duties of the ex officio member include but are not limited to: preparation and posting of agendas, packet materials, meeting minutes, and other relevant documents in accordance with Alaska Statutes ([44.62.310](#) through [44.62.319](#)), Bethel Municipal Code, and city policy. The ex officio member appointed to the body shall also provide subject matter expertise to the body.

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Introduction Date:
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An ex officio member is a nonvoting member of the body, but may add items to the agenda and participate in discussion.

F. If a committee or commission has five or less council appointed adult voting members, the city council may by resolution authorize a temporary exemption to Section 2.06.040 A, reducing council appointed membership requirement to five (5). The exemption shall expire when the exempted committee exceeds five council appointed adult voting members or on the date provided by the resolution. Under the five-member exemption, three (3) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and three (3) affirmative votes shall be necessary to carry any question.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Bethel City Council.

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ATTEST:

Mark Springer, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk